

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/871,502

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 8/3/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-36.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 8/5/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 8/3/06.
2. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowman-Amuah (U.S. 6,256,773) in view of Bae (U.S. 6,295,531) to claims 1-2, 5-8, 17-18, 21-24 and 33-36 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and remarks/arguments.
3. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowman-Amuah (U.S. 6,256,773) in view of Bae (U.S. 6,295,531), and further in view of Goiffon (U.S. 6,226,792) to claims 3-4, 9-16, 19-20, and 25-32 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment and remarks/arguments.
4. Claims 1, 17, 33, 34 and 36 have been amended.
5. Claims 1-36 are pending.
6. Claims 1-36 are allowed.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

7. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert W. Griffith (Reg. No. 48,956) on 10/20/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

**Claim 33 (Currently Amended),**

At line 17, after “language” insert , and define relations between the product elements, allowing for platform independent editing of product elements at individual client computers in at least one language independent of the common software configuration markup language to form different versions of a software package.

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**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

8. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, allowing for platform independent editing of product elements at individual client computers in at least one language independent of the common software configuration markup language to form different versions of a software package as recited in independent claims 1, 17, 33, 34 and 36.

The closest cited prior arts, the combination of Bowman-Amuah (U.S. 6,256,773) and Bae (U.S. 6,295,531) teaches a method of configuring software. However, the combination of Bowman-Amuah (U.S. 6,256,773) and Bae (U.S. 6,295,531) fails to teach allowing for platform

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independent editing of product elements at individual client computers in at least one language independent of the common software configuration markup language to form different versions of a software package as recited in independent claims 1, 17, 33, 34 and 36; and as pointed out by the applicant's remarks/arguments on pg. 14, par. 3 to pg. 15, par. 2.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Qamrun Nahar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

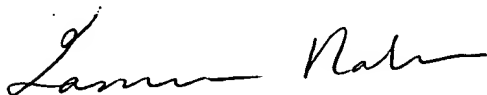
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Y Zhen, can be reached on (571) 272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or processing is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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